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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/529,978	Applicant(s) PASQUIER ET AL.	
	Examiner Eisa B. Elhilo	Art Unit 1751	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claims 1-13 are pending in this application.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 10 and 11 are indefinite because the claims recite the limitation "compounds of formula (I)". It is unclear if these claims are dependent on claim 1 or not? . Further, if these claims are independent claims, the recited formula (I) with its limitations should be presented in claims 10 and 11. Clarification and/or Correction are required.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

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Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-13 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of copending Application No. 10/530,065. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims of the copending Application No. 10/530,065, teach and disclose similar hair dyeing composition comprising similar ingredients of hydrazone derivatives of a formula (I), in which X is sulfur or oxygen atoms, Y and Z are C-R3 and C-R4, wherein R3 and R4 are hydrogen atoms, R1 is alkyl radical and A is a hydrogen atom as claimed in claims 1 and 2, when in the claimed 1-2, X is sulfur or oxygen atoms, Positions 3 and 4 are carbon atoms attached to R3 and R4, wherein R3 and R4 are hydrogen atoms, R1 is alkyl radical and A is a hydrogen atom (see claim 1, of the copending Application No. 10/530,065), wherein the hydrazone derivatives of the formula (I) is selected from the species as claimed in claim 3 (see claim 3 of the copending Application No. 10/530,065), wherein the composition also comprises couplers, persulfate as an oxidant and direct dyes in the claimed amounts as claimed in claims 4-7 (see claims 4-7 of the copending Application No. 10/530,065), wherein the composition has a pH in the range of 7 to 10 which within the claimed range as claimed in claim 8 (see claim 8 of the copending Application No. 10/530,065), wherein the composition is hair colorant as claimed in claim 9 (see claim 9 of the copending Application No. 10/530,065). The claims of the copending Application No. 10/530,065 also teach and disclose similar kits and method for coloring hair as claimed in claims 10-13 (see claims 10-12 of the copending Application No. 10/530,065). Therefore, this is an obvious formulation.

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Although, the claims of the copending Application No. 10/530,065, teach and disclose similar hair dyeing composition, they are not identical to the instant claims, because the claims of the copending Application No. 10/530, 065, require as oxidant a combination of at least one persulfate salt and hydrogen peroxide and/or an addition component thereof, while the instant claims require the persulfate salts as the oxidant. Therefore, the conflicting claims are not identical.

However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to formulate such a dyeing composition to chose persulfate as an oxidant to arrive at the claimed invention because the copending Application teaches and discloses a number of oxidants such as persulfates, hydrogen peroxide and an addition compound to chose from, and, thus, a person of the ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to select any of the provided oxidants and would expect such a composition to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Conclusion

3 The references listed on from PTO-1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the rejection above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -4:30).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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